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Fei-p'ing, 24 July 1949 (NCNA) -- With more than 2,900 kilometers of highways and 357 highway bridges repaired between the winter of 1948 and June 1949, national and provincial highways in North China reached a total length of 22,700 kilometers. This represents a 48-percent increase over that in operation under the Nationalists.

The main highways running north and south are the Pei-p'ing -- Han-k'ou, Pei-p'ing -- K'ai-feng, and T'ien-ching -- P'u-t'ou highways, and those east and west are the Han-tan -- Ch'ang-chih and Pei-p'ing -- Suiyuan highways. These main highways and their branch lines connect many coal mines, farming areas and cattle raising areas in North China.

Reports from Ch'ang-te indicate that highway repairs in Jehol Province have been progressing rapidly, and there are now over 26,000 English miles of passable highways in this province connecting the Northeast with North China.

FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES TAKEN IN NORTHERN KLANGST -- Ta Kung Pao,  
5 Jul 49

Large-scale operations to prevent floods in northern Jiangsu were completed in mid-June. Since the liberation of this area, the people's government has made dike repairs a primary interest. Consequently, 3,400,000 mou (one acre equals 6 mou) of land, supporting more than 20 million people, have been saved from floods. In the first half of 1949 more than 700 miles of dikes along the Yang-tze Chiang and the Huang Ho were repaired, 104 locks were built or repaired, 870 sluices were installed, and more than 1,200 ditches were dug. Some 420,000 persons took part in the work, averaging more than 2 weeks' labor apiece. The biggest single construction

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project was on the dikes of the grand canal from Yang-chou in the south to Su-chien in the north, a distance of 230 miles, which employed 136,000 persons for 6 weeks. A total of 6,060 tons of rice was issued in wages by the people's government.

Extensive repairs, involving 7,690 meters of dikes in several hsien, have also been carried out in southwestern Anhwei.

SALT PRODUCTION REACHES 600,000 TONS -- Ta Kung Pao, 3 Jul 49

Shen-yang, 1 July 1949 (NCNA) -- During the first 6 months of 1949, 600,000 tons of evaporated salt were produced from the salt fields operated by the Salt Industry Control Office of the Northeast Administrative Commission. This represents 85 percent of the goal of 700,000 tons set for all of 1949, and is more than the total output of 400,000 tons in 1948. There are 563,200 acres of salt fields in the Northeast stretching from Ka-shan Hsien in Liaotung to Shan-hai-kuan, with a possible annual output of 1 1/2 million tons, which is equal to half of the entire salt output of China. The total productive salt fields in 1949 amount to 393,600 acres, using over 400 water pumps and employing 15,000 laborers and 900 electricians and carpenters. The total 1949 output probably will reach 800,000 - 900,000 tons.

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